

A New Challenge for a Talented Team!

The Space Communicator team is excited to be rolling out its inaugural edition of the Space Communications Program newsletter. The Program is newly reorganized, with a new name, so a change to our venerable newsletter was in order, too. We've taken this opportunity to develop our own format and identity while continuing so many elements that made the Integrator so successful.

With that in mind, we have changed the format in minor ways to reflect our effort to make this newsletter our own while providing interesting and informative articles for your enjoyment. We have borrowed and modified one of the logo contest submissions, making it the backdrop for our new Space Communicator banner on the front of this edition. We have added a section entitled "SCP People and Announcements" to bring you up to date on more personal 'happenings' that are going on within our Space Commu-

nications family and to welcome newcomers to our midst. Be sure to stop by and add your welcome to ours.

The PAAC Team has put forth outstanding effort to bring the Communicator to you. They have diligently worked with many of our technical leads to bring together a really interesting set of articles for each of our Program elements. Publishing this instrument was a new charter for our PAAC team and they have really stepped forward with a lot of talent and ingenuity to bring this first edition to you. I have certainly enjoyed getting to know more of the team and see what a broad spectrum of talent we have in the first floor north hallway!

I look forward to working with this fine team as we continue to refine our publication effort, and welcome suggestions from our readers for future editions.

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Quality Assurance across SCP



The Space and Ground Network projects once again have representation from the Office of Systems Safety and Mission Assurance (OSSMA), Code 300. A Systems Assurance Manager (SAM), Patricia Huber, and a Quality Engineer (QE), Peggy Reno, have been assigned to monitor the Near Earth Networks Systems contract.

Typically, the SAM provides independent technical support, including risk assessment and guidance to all flight programs, and ensures an appropriate level of independent verification and validation. The SAM works with the projects, providing additional resources to develop specific policy requirements for acquiring and managing elements such as:

- materials, parts, and process support
- reliability
- hardware and software assurance
- systems safety
- mission support process reviews

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